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## **IHCDA Receives \$5.6 Million for Supportive Housing Projects**

INDIANAPOLIS- Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced today the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has received \$5.6 million for supportive housing projects for the homeless. The allocation comes from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) 2009 Continuum of Care funds.

IHCDA, who administers Indiana's Continuum of Care network, excluding South Bend and Indianapolis, will use the funds for the capital investment and operating needs of six Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) developments located throughout Indiana. In all, the funds will link housing with services so over 200 people to have a place to call home.

"With the highly competitive nature of the application, it is a testament to the quality of our programs to see Indiana was one of the largest award recipients in the Midwest," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, who chairs the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. "Indiana has been nationally recognized for looking beyond managing homelessness and instead seeking to end it."

Established in 2008, the Indiana Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative (IPSHI) is a collaboration between IHCDA, Indiana's Division of Mental Health and Addiction, the Transformation Work Group, and Corporation for Supportive Housing. As part of the Initiative, the Permanent Supportive Housing Institute is an intensive, interactive, technical training to help organizations move projects from concept to completion. Each of the applicants, who represent 6 of the Continuum of Care Regions, have completed the Institute and have projects either underway or are shovel ready.

This is the latest in a series of awards for Indiana's homelessness prevention efforts. Indiana's Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative won a national award in October of 2009 for excellence in combating homelessness. In November, the Initiative was featured in a national textbook as a model best practice.

HUD's Continuum of Care Grants provides permanent and transitional housing to homeless persons. In addition, Continuum grants fund key services including job training, health care,

mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and child care. These grants are awarded competitively to local programs that meet the needs of their homeless clients and also fund a wide variety of programs from street outreach and assessment programs to transitional and permanent housing for homeless persons and families. A total of \$190 million was awarded to 550 projects nationwide.

The Indiana organizations which will receive funding are:

Applicant Name	Project Name	Activity	Award Amount
Bloomington Hospital, Inc	Housing Links	SHP	\$228,274
Community Mental Health Center, Inc	Lawrenceburg Acquisition	SHP	\$370,000
Genesis Outreach, Inc.	Promising Partnerships	SHP	\$691,721
Housing Opportunities, Inc.	Perm 5 LaPorte County	SHP	\$1,269,806
IHCDA	Dunn Supportive Housing SPC	S+C	\$498,000
IHCDA	Lawrenceburg Shelter Plus Care	S+C	\$1,060,320
IHCDA	Midtown Plaza	S+C	\$1,485,180

Programs:

Total: \$ 5,603,301

SHP- Supportive Housing Programs

S+C- Shelter Plus Care

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*The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), chaired by Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, creates housing opportunity, generates and preserves assets, and revitalizes neighborhoods by investing financial and technical resources in the development efforts of qualified partners throughout Indiana. IHCDA believes that growing Indiana's economy starts at home. For more information, go to [www.ihcda.in.gov](http://www.ihcda.in.gov). For updates from Lt. Governor Skillman and the agencies she oversees, please sign up at [www.lg.in.gov](http://www.lg.in.gov).*